

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 3, 5-7, 15, and 20, and claims 1-2, 11-14, 17-19 and 21 have been canceled. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 3-10, 15-16 and 20 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1, 18, 19 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Koeketsu, *et al.* (US 2003/0149641).

Claims 14 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Grandgent, *et al.* (US 2003/0021400).

In order to expedite allowance of this application, the Applicant has canceled claims 1, 14, 17-19 and 21 without prejudice. Therefore, this rejection with respect to these claims is deemed to be moot.

3.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kouketsu (US 2003/0149641) in view of Hyong, *et al.* (Hyeong Sop Shim, Chit Chung, Michael Long Gardner Patton and Siddharta Dalal, 2001 "An example of using presence and availability in an enterprise for spontaneous, multiparty, multimedia communications", April 2001), in view of Costa-Requene ("Enhancing SIP with spatial location for emergency call services" Costa-Requena, J; Haitao Tang; Computer Communications and Networks 2001).

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kouketsu in view of Hyong, *et al.*

Claims 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kouketsu in view of Schulzrinne, *et al.* (The Session Initiation Protocol: Internet-centric signaling; Communications Magazine, IEEE Volume 38, Issue 10, Oct 2000

Pages 134-141). In order to expedite allowance of this application, the Applicant has canceled the claims 2 and 11-13 without prejudice. Therefore, this rejection with respect to these claims is deemed to be moot.

4.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant notes with appreciation the conditional allowance of claims 3-10, 15, 16 and 20. As the Examiner has suggested, claims 3, 5-7, 15 and 20 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitation of the base claims and any intervening claims. Therefore no amendments have been made to narrow the scope of the pending claims or to create any sort of estoppel.

Claim 4 depends from amended claim 3 and recites further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claim 3. Therefore, the allowance of claim 4 is respectfully requested. Claims 8-10 depend from amended claim 7 and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claim 7. Therefore, the allowance of claims 8-10 is respectfully requested. Claim 16 depends from amended claim 15 and recites further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claim 15. Therefore, the allowance of claim 16 is respectfully requested.

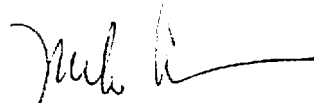
As noted above, claims 3, 5-7, 15 and 20 have been amended in order to overcome the Examiner's objections. Consequently, the Applicant believes claims 3, 5-7, 15 and 20 are also in a condition of allowance. The Examiner's consideration of these claims is also respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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